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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE (RIO TREATY)

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1. RE BERNSTEIN'S QUERY ON SO-CALLED QTE PANAMANIAN PROPOSAL UNQTE FOR CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT SAN JOSE, U.S. WOULD OF COURSE OPPOSE. BUT NEITHER PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR PITTY NOR HIS SECOND-FIDDLE ON THE MATTER, PERUVIAN AMBAS- SADOR ALVARADO, MADE EFFORT TO BRING THIS TO VOTE IN PERMANENT COUNCIL.

2. WE SHARE AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S ESTIMATE (AND ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM) THAT THIS WAS SHOW STAGED FOR PUBLICITY AND THAT WHILE THERE MAY BE FURTHER NOISES NO REPEAT NO
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REAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE ON THIS SCORE. MOREOVER, COSTA

RICA'S FACIO HAS ENOUGH SECURITY WORRIES ABOUT CUBAN EXILES. COSTA RICA, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA, WOULD CERTAINLY NOT WISH TO INCREASE THEM BY PRESENCE OF CASTRO DELEGATES. WE WILL, OF COURSE, KEEP OUR EYE ON THIS.

3. WITH REGARD TO CHILEAN QUESTION ON WHAT ACTION U.S. MIGHT SEE AS FEASIBLE AT SAN JOSE, PLEASE TELL HIM THAT OUR POSITION REMAINS THE SAME AS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE ARE WILLING TO SEE A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO OAS SANCTIONS. ONCE A PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT IS APPROVED AT SAN JOSE, WE WOULD SUPPORT IN ORGAN OF CONSULTATION A QTE FREEDOM OF ACTION UNQTE FORMULA BUTTRESSED BY STRONG REFERENCE TO NON-INTERVENTION. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF TAKING ANY OVERT LEAD, BUT WILL MAKE KNOWN OUR VIEWS DISCREETLY. IF SANCTIONS ISSUE IS NOT DEALT WITH IN SAN JOSE, WE UNDERSTAND RABASA MIGHT WISH TO HOST ORGAN OF CONSULTATION.

4. FOR SAN JOSE. YOU MIGHT TELL APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT WE ASSUME THEY SHARE OUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE TO HAVE CUBAN PRESENCE AT SAN JOSE MEETING OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES AND WOULD MAKE THIS KNOWN TO PANAMANIANIS IF THEY SUBSEQUENTLY SHOW REAL INCLINATION TO PRESS THIS MATTER. SISCO

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